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Draft report

Addendum

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

D. Evaluation

1. In-depth evaluation of the disarmament programme

1. At its 3rd to 5th meetings, on 13 and 14 May, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the in-depth evaluation of the disarmament programme (E/AC.51/1991/2).

Conclusions and recommendations

2. The Committee noted that the final report had been prepared in accordance with the recommendations on methodology for this evaluation, contained in paragraphs 358 to 361 of its report on the work of its thirtieth session. 1/

3. The Committee recalled that this was the first evaluation of a political programme and that it had chosen questionnaires as the main instrument. Although it was recognized that the questionnaires had been adequately designed and distributed, the Committee was concerned, on the whole, about the low response rates to them. That raised a number of questions concerning the validity of some of the conclusions drawn on the basis of the received replies.

4. The Committee noted that the overall assessment of the servicing of the disarmament programme was positive.

5. The Committee took note of the report and its recommendations, and decided that a separate report to the Committee reviewing implementation of those recommendations would not be necessary.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/45/16).